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SUBJECT: WORK IN THE PORTS CONTINUES DESPITE DOCKWORKERS'
VOTE REJECTING NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

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1. OF THE 90 PERCENT RANK AND FILE THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE
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UNION VOTE ON JANUARY 30 (SEE REFTL) 57.8 PERCENT REJECTED
THE WAGE SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE OETV AND THE
ZENTRALVERBAND. THE UNION ANNOUNCED THAT WORK IN THE PORTS
WILL CONTINUE NEVERTHELESS. HOWEVER, IT CALLED UPON THE
EMPLOYERS TO TAKE UP NEW NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE MIDNIGHT TODAY,
JANUARY 31. THE OETV DEMANDS THAT THE AGREEMENT ALSO COVER
THE MONTH OF JANUARY, THUS GRANTING THE DOCKWORKERS A STRAIGHT
7 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH DISSATISFACTION AMONG THE DOCKWORKERS BECAME INCREASINGLY EVIDENT LATE IN THE DAY ON JANUARY 30, THE NEGATIVE VOTE TOOK BOTH UNION AND EMPLOYERS BY SURPRISE. CONSIDERING THE RELATIVELY SMALL ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED IF AGREEMENT AMENDED TO MEET UNION DEMANDS, A NEW SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE REACHED SOON. HOWEVER, SHOULD ZENTRALVERBAND BE UNWILLING TO YIELD, THE OETV WILL HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO RESUME THE STOPPAGE. SCHIFFMAN

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